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REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 7-10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20-23, 25, 26, and 28 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 14, 16, 18, 19, 24, and 27 were previously cancelled.

In view of the amendments and remarks filed on February 21, 2006, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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